



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. We hope that you had a good break and that you are ready for the year ahead. Thank you very much for the lovely cards, gifts and well wishes that you gave staff. Mrs Alden was very grateful to staff, children and parents for all the lovely cards and messages.

We have had a good start to the term with many of the clubs having already started and the rest of the clubs starting up next week. On Tuesday we reflected on what we had achieved last year and thought about how we can make small changes in what we say and do this year. Miss George also introduced a variety of different activities that are going to be available at playtime and lunchtime. Some of these are going to be led by adults, some by the Sports Crew and others are about personal challenge - it has been great seeing so many children participate in these activities and trying out new things.

Well done to all of the children who have taken part in the reading challenge - I know that there have been many children who have really embraced the challenge. We have World Book Day coming up in March, where we are inviting children and staff to dress up as their favourite book character - see the next page for more information.

Before Christmas, we shared with you that the Ashcombe Humanitarian Society, run by a group of sixth formers, have planned a trip to Calais this month to take donated items to refugees who are camping there - please see the next page for more information.

Please make sure that you read the new dates that have been put in the diary for this term - including parents evenings which will be taking place the 2 weeks before half term. We also have some class assemblies coming up and it is good to see as many parents who are able to attend as possible.

Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bryan and Ms Lanham

FAMILIES MAGAZINE LINK

Please find the link to your local Families publication below. The publication provides local news and information, health and education advice for families. It is a great resource for you to find out about local clubs, classes and other family related businesses available in the area. The What's On section is extremely useful, especially during the holidays!

<https://bit.ly/39A5NFF> (Jan/Feb issue 2020)

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED FLYERS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:

Local Beavers' Group

Surrey Arts Ensemble

Jigsaw SE Information Evening



Uniform

A reminder that we are expecting all children to wear correct school uniform - this includes proper school shoes and hair to be tied back.

Please can you also ensure that items are named. We have a lot of uniform that is in lost property and it is surprising how much of it we are unable to return to children as there is no name!



Talk Time

Starting from next Thursday, we will be running drop in Talk Time sessions for children every lunchtime that are led by Mrs Bryan, Mrs Edwards or Mrs Moore, depending on the day. This is open to any child across the school who wants to talk to an adult about something that is on their mind.

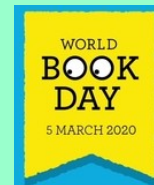
The children will be learning more about it during assembly time next week.



Spring Term Dates:

(new info in **RED**)

- 10th Jan - Y4 Cake Sale
- 14th Jan - Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
- 16th Jan - Y1 & Y3 Swimming (every week)
- 28th Jan - YR to Dorking Library, 10 am
- 4th Feb - Chestnut Class Assembly
- 6th Feb - Parents' Evening (4.30 pm to 8 pm)
- 7th Feb - FOSPA Cinema Club (after school)
- 11th Feb - Parents' Evening (3.40 pm to 6 pm)
- 14th Feb - INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- 17th - 21st Feb - Half Term
- 28th Feb - Y3 Cake Sale
- 5th March - World Book Day



World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

This year for World Book Day we are inviting the children (and staff) to come in dressed as a book character.

Please don't feel that you have to go out and buy a costume - there are many creative ways that the children can get involved. Feel free to research some different options online.



Reading

Well done to all of the children who have enthusiastically taken on the Reading Challenge that Mr Monk introduced last term—it is lovely to see that so many of you have gained your certificates.

Over this half term, we will be working on developing our book corners in our classrooms - thank you to FOSPA who have agreed to fund this.

Look out for more exciting reading challenges coming later this term.

Collection Day—Thursday 16th January

The Ashcombe Humanitarian Society are coming to St Paul's after school on Thursday to collect donations to take out to Calais later this month.

Although all donations are greatly appreciated, there is a specific need for:

- men's/unisex clothes
- shoes
- socks
- sleeping bags
- blankets
- tins of kidney beans, tomatoes and chickpeas

Please can you bring in any donations to the music room next week—they are being collected Thursday afternoon.

POPPY APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We raised £106.82.



CAN YOU HELP US WITH THE SCHOOL FISH?

Our kind parent helper, Mrs Thorne, who has been keeping the school fish healthy and clean for us over the past couple of years is handing over the baton so we are looking for a new volunteer.

If you feel you might be able to spare some time every few weeks to clean the tank we would be most grateful. Please let the office know if you can help. Thank you.

